

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 29-44 remain pending in the application.

Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 30-37 and 43 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by Talati et al, U.S. Patent 5,903,878 and the rejection of claims 1-14, 29, 38-42 and 44 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Talati et al in view of Wiecha, U.S. Patent 5,870,717.

In rejecting the claims as set forth above, the Examiner has maintained the rejection of the claims using the Talati et al and Wiecha references in the manner set forth in the Office Action dated December 5, 2000. Additionally, the Examiner has set forth a Response to Argument section on pages 15 and 16 of the Office Action, which Applicants respond to as follows.

The Examiner relies upon Talati et al for disclosing the receiving of processing information including the present status of processing for processing initiated for an order, a present status of processing for delivery of a product corresponding to the order and a present status of processing for payment processing for the trading. However, Talati et al merely disclose transaction processing and authentication that is decided at the time of ordering of a product. The present invention, however, is directed to receiving processing

information relating to, for example, the delivery of the product made after the ordering.

In particular, Talati et al disclose that the originator 50 sends an acknowledgement that is positive if the transaction is valid and the TA60, upon receipt of a positive validation of the transaction with the associated UTID, notifies the recipient of a positive status at 450 (referring to Fig. 16 and col. 11, line 66 - col. 12, line 19 of the specification). If the recipient receives the positive acknowledgement for the transaction, it accepts the information and the transaction is validated. Thus, the information regarding authentication relates to the processing of the order and not to the communication of trading processing information such as the present status of processing for delivery of a product, for example. Therefore, the reference merely discloses communication for the purpose of completion of the transaction at the time of requesting transaction processing. Accordingly, the invention as set forth in claims 30-37 and 43 is not anticipated by Talati et al.

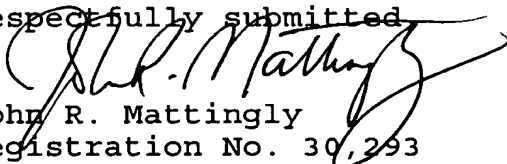
As noted by the Examiner, Applicants take the position that claim 1, for example, is not suggested by the Talati et al reference in view of Wiecha. In response, the Examiner notes that Wiecha discloses that a purchaser can update the

status of a PO manually after receiving acknowledgements, status updates, etc. from vendors via fax, phone or mail. However, according to the invention as claimed, the status of the delivery of the product in the present invention is received from the communication network through which the order for the product is transmitted, which is different from Wiecha. In this regard, claims 37 and 43 have been amended to include that the trading processing information is received through the communication network. Therefore, the combination of Wiecha and Talati et al do not render claims 1-14, 29, 38-42 and 44 unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants request entry of the amendments to claims 37 and 43 even though the application is under final rejection. Specifically, the amendments to claims 37 and 43 are consistent with the wording of claim 1 regarding the receiving of transaction processing information through the communication network. Note that claim 1 sets forth the receiving of trading processing information from the server, and the transmitting of an order for a product in response to an input by a user to the server through a communication network. Thus, the amendments to claims 37 and 43 should be entered since no new issues are raised requiring further examination and/or search.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,
reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

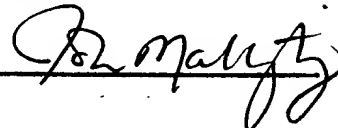
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MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

37. (Once Amended) A client connected to a server for providing electronic commerce services to receive the electronic commerce services, comprising:

an order transmitting device for transmitting an order for a product on the electronic commerce in response to an input by a user to said server through a communication network, receiving from said server trading information including a trading identifier associated with said order and data on the contents of said order from said server, and storing said trading information in a storage device;

a trading information acquiring device for receiving through said communication network from said server trading processing information including a present status of processing for processing initiated for said order, a present status of processing for delivery of said product corresponding to said order, a present status of processing for payment processing for said trading, and the trading identifier; and

an updating device for comparing said trading identifier included said trading information with said trading identifier included in said trading processing information, and outputting a warning if they are not coincident, and adding said trading processing information to said trading

information stored in said storage device if they are coincident.

--43. (Once Amended) A storage medium having an electronic commerce support program provided in a client connected to a server for providing electronic commerce services to receive the electronic commerce services, said program being readable by a CPU in said client for managing the electronic commerce, said storage medium comprising:

a storage component having a code sequence for realizing the step of transmitting an order for a product on the electronic commerce in response to an input by a user to said server through a communication network, receiving from said server trading information including a trading identifier associated with said order and data on the contents of said order from said server, and storing said trading information in a storage device;

a storage component having a code sequence for realizing the step of receiving through said communication network from said server trading processing information including a present status of processing for processing initiated for said order, a present status of processing for delivery of said product corresponding to said order, a present status of processing for payment processing for said trading, and the trading identifier; and

a storage component having a code sequence for realizing the step of comparing said trading identifier included said trading information with said trading identifier included in said trading processing information, and outputting a warning if they are not coincident, and adding said trading processing information to said trading information stored in said storage device if they are coincident.